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SUBJECT: NATO AIRBORNE SYSTEMS FOR WARNING AND CONTROL

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NAC MESSAGES DEALING WITH TOR FOR THE AWACS SPECIAL TASK FORCE GROUP (STG) NOT DISTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT. REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THAT TOR IS CIRCULATED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS, I.E. IN FORM OF NATO DOCUMENT WITH REGULAR DISTRIBUTION, WITH A VIEW OF OBTAINING EARLY CNAD APPROVAL, PREFERABLY BY SILENT PROCEDURE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ROUTING OF MESSAGES CHANGED SO THAT BOTH USNATO AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVOLVED BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY CNAD.

2. DR. CURRIE REQUESTS THAT MISSION FORWARD FOLLOWING REPLY TO ASYG TUCKER TO MESSAGE NAC 2955 (DTG 061615Z DEC 73):

"1. THE CONCERNS YOU ESTABLISHED IN NATO MSG NAC 2955 WERE ADDRESSED AT THE SENIOR OFFICER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE AWACS SPECIAL TASK GROUP (STG) WASH DC, UNCLASSIFIED

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12-13 DEC 73. REPRESENTATION INCLUDED ONLY THE

FOUR POWER GROUP PLUS SHAPE DESPITE THE FACT ALL
NATO NATIONS WERE INVITED. AS A RESULT OF THE
COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE SENIOR OFFICERS AS WELL

AS NATO MSG NAC 2955, THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE
(TOR) FOR THE STG (DEFINITIZED AT THE R AND D
PRINCIPALS MEETING, WASH DC, 13 NOV 73) WERE
REVISED. ALTHOUGH THE REVISED TOR HAVE NOT BEEN
OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED AND/OR APPROVED BY THE CNAD, THE
STG HAS AGREED TO RESTRUCTURE ITS PLANS AND TO
PURSUE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REVISED VERSION
IMMEDIATELY. ACCORDINGLY THE NEXT STG MEETING,
HQ SHAPE, 10-11 JAN 74, WILL USE THE REVISED TOR
AS ITS GUIDE. OUR INTENTION WAS FOR THE STG TO
BRIEF THE RESULTS OF THE AWACS STUDIES TO THE CNAD
AT THE SPRING 74 MEETING THUS I CONCUR WITH THE
TIMELY APPROACH TAKEN BY THE STG. I BELIEVE YOU
WILL FIND THE REVISED TOR SATISFACTORY.

2. THE TIME CONSTRAINTS REQUIRE EARLY APPROVAL OF
THE REVISED TOR BY THE CNAD. PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CNAD
APPROVAL PREFERABLY BY THE SILENT METHODS. YOU
MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE REVISED TOR FROM
COL R. JENKS, USNATO."

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